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Poison Hotline

The State Department of Health and Environmental Sciences Emergency Medical Services Bureau is sponsoring Montana's participation in a 24-hour, toll-free Poison Information Line.

Trained health professionals are always on duty to help if someone you know has ingested poison. They'll advise you on proper emergency treatment until medical help arrives.

The Poison Information number is 1-800-525-5042.

Cheryl Lee, poison prevention contact for northcentral Montana, points out four rules for poison prevention:

- Read the labels and follow instructions
- Keep dangerous products out of the reach of children
- Keep dangerous products in their original container
- Promptly dispose of unwanted poisons and empty containers

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State Gets Additional Emergency Aid Funds

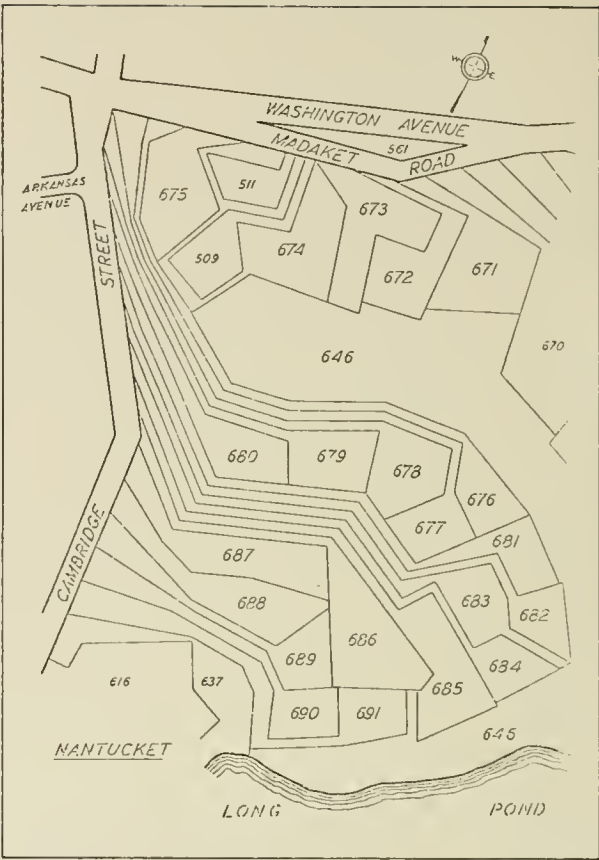
Montana has received a \$1.35 million grant to extend through June the Crisis Intervention Program within the Emergency Energy Conservation Program.

The program can assist families and individuals faced with hardships because of high utility or fuel bills this winter. The applicants must have income equal to or below 125% of the federal poverty guidelines, or 150% of the guidelines for those over 60 years of age.

Applicants must provide copies or evidence of utility or fuel bills, paid or unpaid, along with a notice of disconnect. If the bills were paid by the applicants to avoid being disconnected, they must show that the payment created a household emergency such as little money for food or clothing.

Successful applicants may receive program funds to cover such items as blankets, warm clothing, emergency furnace repair and food.

This program is not considered an income transfer program, so benefits an applicant receives are not figured as income. Payments for goods and services are made directly to the supplier, rather than the applicant. For more information about the Crisis Intervention Program, contact your local Human Resources Development Council, or Gary Wiebe, DCA Human Resources Division, Capitol Station, Helena, MT 59601/449-3420.



Here's one way to give each lot vehicle access and escape subdivision review, thought a Massachusetts landowner. But that state's highest court disagreed. It ruled that a design that technically followed the letter of the law could still fail to satisfy the objective. The plat went back for public review.

POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES

Size of family unit	Non-farm family		Farm Family	
	125%	150%	125%	150%
1.....	\$ 3,925	\$ 4,710	\$3,363	\$ 4,035
2.....	5,200	6,240	4,438	5,325
3.....	6,475	7,770	5,513	6,615
4.....	7,750	9,300	6,588	7,905
5.....	9,025	10,830	7,663	9,195
6.....	10,300	12,360	8,738	10,485

125%—For family units with more than 6 members, add \$1,275 for each additional member in a non-farm family and \$1,075 for each additional member in a farm family.

150%—For family units with more than 6 members, add \$1,530 for each additional member in a non-farm family and \$1,290 for each additional member in a farm family.

Western Small Town Symposium

The Golden Triangle Area Development Corporation will be sponsoring the Western Small Town Symposium in Shelby from May 4-5, bringing together a broad variety of participants to talk about the goals, problems and futures of small towns in the west.

"Those who live in small town West, who care about the prospects of their towns, mayors, aldermen, county or local officials, state officials, Chamber of Commerce folks, businessmen, educators, legislators, college or university faculty and students interested in non-Metropolitan America. All should participate; all will be welcome!"

The agenda includes talks and round table discussion on many interesting topics: "Biting the Bullet: Taxing Alternatives," "Social Services: Where to Draw the Line," "The Schools: A Role of Change," "The Downtown Hub: Boom or Bust," "Small Towns and the Legislature," and "Common Goals of Small Town Folks."

The registration fee for the symposium, one breakfast and a banquet is \$27. Registration deadline is April 27th, and the fee goes up to \$37 after that date. The symposium will start at 8:45 Friday and run until 5:00 on Saturday.

For more information or for a registration form, contact Barbara Fladstol, Conference Coordinator, Golden Triangle Area Development Corporation, 704 South Main, Conrad, MT 59425/(406) 278-3692.

LWV Publications

The League of Women Voters has prepared a number of short publications on topics you may be interested in, particularly during the legislative session.

Examples are "Preserving America's Farmland" (#265). "Monitoring your CDBG Program" (Community Development Block Grant—#120), and "The Impacts of Western Coal Development" (#165). Each is available for 40¢ from the League.

Two examples of slightly longer publications are *Energy Dilemmas: An Overview of U.S. Energy Problems and Issues* (#688) and *Energy Options: Examining Sources and Defining Government's Role* (#628). Single copies of either cost \$1.00.

To order any of the publications, or for a free catalog outlining many more, write to the League of Women Voters, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. They ask you to include the publication numbers (in parentheses next to the titles) with your order. Discounts are available for multiple copies of a publication.

Beaverhead Job

The Beaverhead County Planning Board is seeking a county planner.

The planner probably will be working on a comprehensive plan for Dillon, county subdivision and zoning issues and an update of the Beaverhead County Plan.

If you're interested in the job, contact Holley Smith, Beaverhead County Planning Board, Box 107, Glen, MT 59732.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS:

One Federal & One Montanan

CD Block Grant

Each year, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development awards block grants for community development. The grants replaced a variety of previous separate categorical grant programs, including urban renewal, model cities, and some water and sewer and historic preservation programs.

This year 34 Montana communities competed for nearly \$3 million in block grant funds. Ten successful pre-applicants have been encouraged by HUD in three categories of grants.

In Montana's two metropolitan counties, Cascade and Yellowstone, two out of three applicants were successful with single-purpose projects. Neihart applied for \$150,000 to improve its water supply; HUD recommended the full amount. Laurel applied for \$301,000 to improve its sewer system; HUD recommended \$151,000.

In the 54 non-metropolitan counties, six communities out of twenty-six applicants were successful with single purpose projects. Poplar applied for \$375,000 to renovate low income housing and to implement a downtown stabilization plan; HUD recommended the full amount. Troy applied for \$250,000 to rehabilitate substandard housing; HUD recommended \$209,800. Big Horn County applied for \$278,000 for a developmentally disabled facility; HUD recommended the

HB866: Impact Aid

The Community Impact Assistance Bill has undergone several changes since we first wrote about it last month. HB866, sponsored by Representatives Art Sheldon and Francis Bardanouve, will still take a portion of tax revenues from natural resource development and fund community development grants and loans. But amendments have been made to reduce the percent of the taxes that goes to the community development program and shifts funding allocations to other programs.

Instead of allocating 25% of the resource taxes to the assistance program, the amended version of HB866 calls for 15%. The difference would pay for continuing the alternative energy and renewable resources programs and provide about \$655,000 to the general fund. Since the general fund would also receive an estimated \$600,000 in interest from investing money held by the Community Development Board, the program would provide more than \$1.2 million to the general fund during the biennium.

As the result of another amendment, HB866 would provide that at least 1/3 of the funds awarded during the biennium be earmarked for communities impacted by coal, oil or gas

full amount. Bozeman applied for \$375,000 to rehabilitate substandard houses; HUD recommended the full amount. White Sulphur Springs applied for \$109,000 to improve the community's water supply; HUD recommended the full amount. Glasgow applied for \$259,000 to improve water supply and fire protection; HUD recommended \$190,000.

Also in non-metro areas, two out of five applicants received comprehensive grants that will run for several years. Missoula applied for \$1,500,000 for a three-year period to fund a program of public services and physical improvements in a residential neighborhood next to the city's urban renewal area. HUD recommended the full amount, with \$647,000 the first year. Anaconda-Deer Lodge applied for \$800,000 for a two-year neighborhood rehabilitation project, including street work, housing rehabilitation and correction of floodplain problems. HUD recommended the full amount, with \$500,000 the first year.

HUD reserves the amount recommended for each successful pre-applicant until the communities complete their final application and fulfill block grant program requirements.

Montana communities had requested over \$11 million for community development block grants this year. The announced awards leave \$8 million projects partially or totally unfunded. But a state-level program has been proposed in the Montana House to address many of these needs. (See following article.)

Planners Meet

The Montana Association of Planners has scheduled a meeting for May 7-8 in Missoula. The topic of the conference is: "Development - Who Pays for What, How Much, and Why Me?"

For more information and an application, write to: MAP '79, Missoula Planning Board, 301 West Adler, Missoula, MT 59801.

development. The membership of the Community Development Board would also serve staggered terms and be appointed by the Governor rather than by the legislative leaders; this last change was made to avoid conflicting with the separation-of-powers provision of the State Constitution.

In his introductory remarks before the House Taxation Committee, co-sponsor Art Sheldon said HB866 would meet the most pressing needs of Montana's communities: "While the bill pays particular attention to meeting the needs of communities impacted by coal, gas or oil development, it does not overlook those areas adversely impacted by other energy or natural resource development. Any community with a problem beyond its control could be assisted through the proposed program."

HB866 has been assigned to a subcommittee that is considering the coal tax measures introduced in the House. For up-to-date information on the bill, call DCA Planning Division (449-3757) or the toll-free legislative information line (1-800-332-3408 or in Helena, 449-5553).

Legislative Update

As MCN went to press, we received word that the Community Impact Assistance bill, H.B.866, was stalled in the House Taxation Committee and was unlikely to be transmitted to the Senate.

HB46, the major bill amending the Subdivision and Platting Act, did get through the House, but the Senate failed to overturn an adverse committee report from the Senate Local Government Committee and killed the bill.

MCN will publish a more complete legislative report after the session ends.

Local Government Finance Data Available

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The DCA Research and Information Systems Division has recently established a local government financial data base. The base, which was compiled for all county, city and town governments throughout the state, has been automated to facilitate greater accessibility to and computer manipulation of the file.

Different levels of revenue and expenditure aggregation are included in the file for the years 1973 through 1978. Annual financial reports submitted by local governments to the Local Government Services Division provided these data. Taxable valuation and population figures were also included in the data base. This new base should provide a strong foundation for understanding the financial structure of local government.

To make the data base more useful for general distribution, the division will soon be releasing it in a printed form, in both a summary and a detail format. You can order the information in four different packages: 1) Complete sets, with summary and detail data for all cities, towns and counties; 2) Detail sets for all cities, towns or counties; 3) Summary sets for all cities or towns; 4) Both detail and summary set for any individual city, town or county.

In addition to the data distribution service, Research and Information maintains a staff of economists, systems analysts and other technical personnel capable of addressing specific analytical and data needs of both state agencies and local governments. The systems analysts, specializing in information processing, can generate special tabulations from the financial file. For example, individual expenditure and revenue categories can be extracted from the file and presented on a per capita or per valuation basis. Through the staff economists, Research and Information can provide the analytical skills for constructing and interpreting various data formats addressing the economic and financial issues or problems facing local governments. These services may be solicited by public agencies at all levels of government.

For those interested in obtaining all or portions of the local government finance file, an order blank follows. Inquiries into special tabulations and the analytical and information-processing capabilities of the division should be directed to the DCA Research and Information Systems Division, Capitol Station, Helena MT, 59601/449-2896.

DCA Research & Information Systems Division
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59601

Enclosed is \$_____ for the following local government financial tabulations:

- ___ Complete set. 1,150 pages. \$100 each (No. of copies_____)
- ___ Detail for all towns. 550 pages. \$50 each (No. of copies_____)
- ___ Detail for all cities. 300 pages. \$40 each (No. of copies_____)
- ___ Detail for all counties. 170 pages. \$35 each (No. of copies_____)
- ___ Summary of all towns. 80 pages. \$25 each (No. of copies_____)
- ___ Summary for all cities. 50 pages. \$25 each (No. of copies_____)

Enclosed is \$_____. Please send individual copies (list names and number of copies requested for each entity) at \$2.00 each.

- ___ Towns. 8 pages. _____
- ___ Cities. 7 pages. _____
- ___ Counties. 3 pages. _____

A Few Words About Rural Sewer & Water

A number of interesting publications on rural water and sewer systems have recently come to our attention.

Water Project
National Association of County Officials
1735 New York Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20006

Readings in Water Conservation, a collection of articles on federal policy, technology, education, rates and other issues. 322 pp. free

\$24,000,000,000: An Elected Official's Fact Sheet on the New Facility Construction Grants Regulations—Condensation of new regulations and requirements for federally funded sewage treatment plants. 18 pp. free

Environmental Protection Agency Directory: Water Programs, contacts for water quality management, construction grants and drinking water programs in EPA's main office and 10 regional offices. Free

American Society of Planning Officials
1313 East 60th Street
Chicago, IL 60637

Land Use and the Pipe, the importance of sewage systems in comprehensive planning; physical requirements of sewage facilities, economic and financial criteria, sewage policy in land use controls. 182 pp. \$15.50

The Center for Urban Policy Research
P.O. Box 38
New Brunswick, NJ 08903

Water Supply Planning: A Case Study and Systems Analysis. Using New Jersey as a data base, this study examines the current status of water supply planning and develops a mathematic optimization model to test alternative planning strategies.

The National Demonstration Water Project Communications Center, 1820 Jefferson Place, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

The Cost of Supporting Rural Water Systems—Protection and Policies, covers costs of field support, administration and management, equipment reserve, design and financing. 124 pp. \$7.50

Wastewater Treatment Systems for Rural Communities, a manual for constructing wastewater systems. 340 pp. \$12.50

O&M—Guide for the Support of Rural Water—Wastewater Systems is written for operators and managers of these facilities and includes information on training, cost estimating, standard tests and other topics. 282 pp. \$10.00

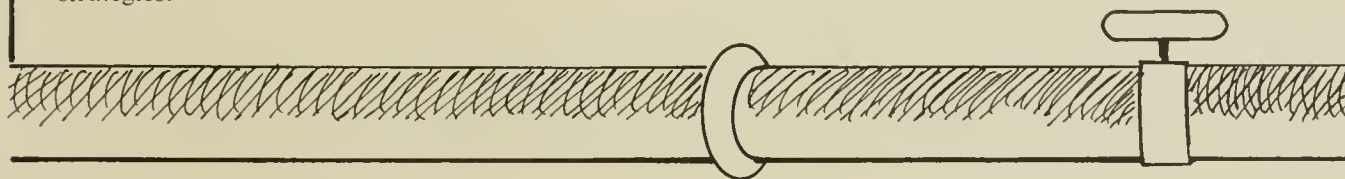
Rural Water Systems Planning and Engineering Guide, a manual for constructing groundwater facilities. 149 pp. \$12.50

Guide for the Development of Rural Water-Sewer Projects includes do's and don'ts for project developers: area assessment, permit approvals, financing, designing, constructing and operating. 237 pp. \$7.50

Guide to State and Federal Policies and Practices in Rural Water-Sewer Development, an agency-by-agency and state-by-state survey of research, regulatory and funding programs. 223 pp. \$7.50

National Housing Center Publications Office
15th and M Streets, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

Alternatives to Public Sewer, an overview of alternative sewage collection and treatment systems for large and small-scale housing projects and for individual residences. 105 pp. \$10



Two from DNRC

Energy Almanac

Information about energy developments in Montana, conservation programs, the coal severance tax challenge and other energy topics is available in a free publication just released by the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation.

The department calls its **1978 Montana Energy Almanac** the first comprehensive summary of Montana's energy-related legislation and governmental programs, private sector activities and development plans, and energy production and consumption data.

The almanac will be distributed to all libraries in the state. Free copies are also available from the DNRC Energy Division, 25 South Ewing, Capitol Station, Helena, MT 59601/449-3780.

New Flights

May Stop

In State

Several airlines may receive new routes or expanded schedules in Montana, thanks to a recent ruling by the Civil Aeronautics Board.

The CAB is apparently taking the action to stimulate competition with Northwest Airlines, saying that many cities suffered "great hardships" during prolonged strikes against Northwest. "Service to these communities has not always satisfied demand," noted the CAB, "and Northwest has not fully restored the service it provided before last year's strike."

The CAB proposal would allow the following routes that include a stop in Montana:

Alaska Airlines and Wien Air Alaska: Seattle-Portland-Spokane-Missoula-Great Falls-Billings-Minneapolis-St. Paul-Baltimore-Washington.

Braniff Airways: Anchorage-Seattle-Portland-Spokane-Great Falls-Billings-Minneapolis-St. Paul-Milwaukee-Baltimore-Washington.

Frontier Airlines: Denver-Helena.

Northwest Airlines: Spokane-Missoula-Great Falls-Bozeman-Billings-Salt Lake City-Denver.

Western Airlines: Seattle-Portland-Spokane-Great Falls-Billings-Minneapolis-St. Paul-Milwaukee-Baltimore-Washington and Billings-Helena.

Opponents to the proposed routes have until April 12 to voice their opinions to the CAB.

Urban Forestry

Town, city and county governments have until March 31 to apply for matching funds for urban and community forestry projects.

The state may provide successful applicants with up to 50% of the cost of eligible expenditures, including planning, planting and maintaining forest resources in urban areas.

For more information about the program, contact DNRC Division of Forestry, 2705 Spurgin Road, Missoula, MT 59801/728-4300.

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